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SUBJ: CIVAIR - BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

FOR MEADOWS CHAIRMAN, US DEL

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 7, FROM DOT'S ROBERT BINDER RECOMMENDING YOU INFORMALLY ADVISE AUSTRALIANS THAT USG CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT HIGH AUSTRALIAN USER CHARGES AND THAT WE SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ON THAT SUBJECT IN THE NEAR FUTURE AFTER SECURING FROM THE GOA APPROPRIATE DATA AS TO THE BASIS FOR THE CHARGES. BINDER RECOMMENDS THAT PENDING OUTCOME OF TALKS YOU SEEK TO HAVE GOA DEFER FUTURE INCREASES.

2. ENCLOSED WITH BINDER'S LETTER ARE 12 QUESTIONS BEARING ON EQUITY AND POSSIBLE DISCRIMINATORY ASPECTS OF AUSTRALIA USER CHARGES AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE.

1. ARE ALL THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES BEING CHARGED FOR REQUIRED IN ICAO REGIONAL PLANS?

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2. ARE THOSE FACILITIES AND SERVICES BEING COSTED ACCORDING TO A SOUND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM? (EXAMPLE: IS THE DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE REALISTIC? A FACILITY WITH A TWENTY YEAR LIFE EXPECTANCY SHOULD NOT ORDINARILY BE WRITTEN OFF IN A LESSER PERIOD.)

3. IS AIRCRAFT WEIGHT BEING USED IN COMPUTING ENROUTE PORTION OF COSTS?

4. ARE THE UTILIZATION DATA SOUND? (EXAMPLES: IF SAMPLE USED, IS SAMPLE VALID? HAVE DATA BEEN EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED BY CLASS OF USER (AIR TRANSPORT/GENERAL/ STATE AND BY INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC?)

5. DOES COST ALLOCATION SOUNDLY REFLECT THE ABOVE UTILIZATION FACTORS?

6. HAVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COSTS BEEN INCLUDED? WHAT METHODS OF COSTING AND COST ALLOCATION WERE USED?

7. HAS DUE ALLOCATION IN MET AND SAR COSTS BEEN MADE FOR NONAERONAUTICAL BENEFICIARIES?

8. DOES THE METHOD OF CHARGE SEEM APPROPRIATE? FOR EXAMPLE: DOES IT EQUITABLY MEASURE THE DEGREE OF USE?

9. HAVE FACILITIES AND SERVICES, WHICH WERE ONLY PARTIALLY EFFECTIVE, BEEN COSTED ON THAT BASIS?

10. CAN COSTS BE DISTRIBUTED BY ENROUTE AND AIRPORT CATEGORIES?

11. UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES MAY CHARGES REDUCTIONS BE GRANTED TO INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION?

12. WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR FLIGHT FACTOR 8 BEING ASSIGNED TO INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS?

END QUOTE.

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3. DEPT LEAVES TO YOUR JUDGMENT HOW BEST TO PURSUE THIS ISSUE WITH THE GOA. RUSH

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